

REPORT OF THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Again in 2008 the Welfare Department has been overwhelmed with requests for assistance. Loss of employment, low wages, increased rent and utility costs have contributed towards more of our residents needing help.

Although we refer all our applicants to other agencies for relief, the Town will assist those household who are eligible. My thanks to Alton Community Services Program, Community Action, St. Vincent d' Paul, our churches and the many other charitable organizations who help our citizens through difficult times.

A thank you to the members of the E. Alton Fire Station, they have donated smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to our needy citizens and to Judy Fry our contact person on this project.

A special recognition goes out to the Heidke Caregivers who work within the guidelines of the Wm. Heidke Trust Fund providing home care services to our senior citizens.

At this time I wish to express my thanks to everyone who has helped the department this year including the Selectmen, Russell Bailey, Welfare Director, Paulette Wentworth, Deputy Welfare Officer, Sheri Emerson Deputy Finance Officer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

General Assistance:

Housing.....	\$ 20,263.36
Food/Prescriptions Vouchers.....	\$ 2,543.22
Utilities.....	\$ 5,668.75
Other.....	\$ 2,339.98
Total	\$30,815.31

Heidke Trust Fund Assistance

Total	\$48,497.06
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Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Rockwood, Welfare Officer